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Bitterroot NF Fire Update

Another New Start in Lost Trail Area

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The national fire information website at www.inciweb.org seems to be a bit easier to access today.

A new start was reported on the north slope of Saddle Mountain near Lost Trail Pass, on Sunday afternoon. The fire is approximately ½ acre in size. Initial attack forces include 3 helicopters, a single engine air tanker and a retardant ship. No firefighters have been put on the ground yet due to erratic winds.

Information about new starts on the Bitterroot can be obtained online from the Bitterroot National Forest's dispatchers' weblog: visit http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm then follow link to "open incidents".